REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated February 2, 2007 contained a final rejection of claims 1-29. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, 18, 23 and 25 and claims 5 and 15 have been canceled.   Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-29 are in the case. Please consider the present amendment with the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This amendment is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12-14, 16-19, 22-26 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Harrison et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,611,725) in view of Dahl et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,557,153). The Office Action also rejected claims 5, 9, 11, 15, 20, 21, 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Harrison et al. in view of Dahl et al. and further in view of Davis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,086,028).

The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments below.

The Applicants' claims now include that the document contains metadata elements that comprise at least one if a person's name, a revision identifier, and a document title, but do not include the drawings or dimensions, only displaying metadata elements that are located in predefined locations of the document file and only automatically bulk correcting the incorrect metadata elements located in the predefined locations. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and at least in FIGS. 1-4 and paragraphs [0023], [0026] and [0028] of the Application specification (U.S. Patent Publication No. 20050071394).

In contrast, the cited references, in combination or alone, do not disclose all of these this features. For example, the combined references merely disclose a computer drawing system that can add supplementary data to the drawing system (see Abstract of Harrison et al. reference), a computer system and method for implementing a user interface (see Abstract of Dahl et al. reference) and a CAD system that automatically generates and displays design change information (see Abstract and Summary of Davis et al. reference).

Although the Examiner argued that the combined references (namely, col. 8, lines

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12-28 of Harrison et al.) disclose, teach and suggest "automatically bulk correcting incorrect metadata elements," the Applicants submit that col. 8, lines 12-28 of Harrison et al. specifically disclose using tag data to create linkages between files for automatically transferring new and revised drawings. For example, Harrison et al. explicitly state in col. 8, lines 12-28 that "*Using tag data to create linkages* between the supplementary data and the 3D model components helps to *maintain associations* between the supplementary data and the 3D model components *when components of the model are changed*...if the diameter of the top surface 223 of the bolt is reduced (i.e., by changing it in the document file 261), *a new drawing* 400 (FIG. 4) that shows the effect of reducing the diameter of top surface 223 *can be produced.*" Instead, Harrison et al. discloses that "When the new drawing 400 is produced, the supplementary data (e.g., *annotation 301*) can be automatically transferred to the new drawing and correctly linked to the revised surface 423. In the example discussed above, the *diameter annotation 301* can be automatically transferred." [*emphasis added*], unlike the Applicants' claimed invention.

As such, the combined references merely disclose, teach and suggest using tag data to create linkages between files for automatically updating the drawings with revised elements and revised dimensions. Thus, clearly, the combined cited references are missing the metadata elements of the Applicants' claimed invention that comprise at least one of a person's name, a revision identifier, and a document title, but do not include the drawings or dimensions and displaying only metadata elements that are located in predefined locations of the document file and only automatically correcting the incorrect metadata elements located in the predefined locations.
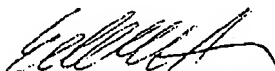
Therefore, since the combined references are missing features of the Applicants' claimed invention, the combined references cannot render the Applicants' invention obvious. This failure of the cited reference to disclose, suggest or provide motivation for the Applicants' claimed invention indicates a lack of a prima facie case of obviousness and, thus, the rejections should be withdrawn (MPEP 2143).

With regard to the rejection of the dependent claims, because they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, and they contain additional limitations that are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, these claims are also considered to be patentable (MPEP § 2143.03).

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Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575 if the Examiner has any questions or concerns. Please note that all correspondence should continue to be directed to:

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